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Applicant:

Richard Voellmy

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For:

VIRAL VECTORS WHOSE REPLICATION AND, OPTIONALLY,

PASSENGER GENE ARE CONTROLLED BY A GENE SWITCH

ACTIVATED BY HEAT IN THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF A SMALL

MOLECULE REGULATOR

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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On

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Date

Signature

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed August 11th, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time. A Petition for Extension of Time, with Credit Card Payment Form to charge Applicant's credit card for the appropriate fee is being filed concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment.